

REMARKS

[0003] Applicant thanks the Examiner for recognizing each of the pending claims as allowed and respectfully requests entry of the following remarks and reconsideration of the subject application. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments herein. The remarks and amendments should be entered under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 consistent with the recommendation of Primary Examiner Parthasarathy.

[0004] Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and issuance of all of the claims of the application. Claims 1-10, 12-29, 31, and 32 are presently pending. Claims 14 and 21 are amended herein. Claims 11 and 30 are cancelled. No new claims are added herein.

Statement of Substance of Discussion

[0005] The Examiner graciously spoke by phone with me—the undersigned representative for the Applicant—on June 11, 2008. Applicant greatly appreciates the Examiner's willingness to discuss this matter. Such willingness is invaluable to both of us in our common goal of an expedited prosecution of this patent application.

[0006] During the phone call the Examiner and I discussed possible amendments to the claims under 37 CFR 1.312. I understood the Examiner to indicate that the amendments presented herein would be entered with her recommendation.

[0007] Applicant herein amends the claims in the manner discussed. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the pending claims are ready for issuance.

Formal Request for an Interview

[0008] If the Examiner's reply to this communication is anything other than allowance of all pending claims, then I formally request an interview with the Examiner. I encourage the Examiner to call me—the undersigned representative for the Applicant—so that we can talk about this matter so as to resolve any outstanding issues quickly and efficiently over the phone.

[0009] Please contact me to schedule a date and time for a telephone interview that is most convenient for both of us. While email works great for me, I welcome your call as well. My contact information may be found on the last page of this response.

Claim Amendments

[0010] Without conceding the propriety of the previous rejections herein and in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant amends claims 14 and 21 herein. Applicant amends claims in accordance with the above referenced discussion with the Examiner. Such amendments are made to expedite prosecution and quickly identify allowable subject matter. Such amendments are merely intended to clarify the claimed features, and should not be construed as further limiting the claimed invention in response to cited references.

[0011] Applicant respectfully asserts that the claims remain allowable and requests an issuance of this application post haste.

Conclusion

[0012] All pending claims are in condition for issuance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the **Examiner is urged to contact me before issuing a subsequent Action.** Please call/email me or my assistant at your convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

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